

## CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MINUTES

January 22, 2019

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Mayor Joe LaCascia called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Joe LaCascia.

**ROLL CALL** – Assistant to the City Manager Sheandolen Dunn

**Present** Mayor Joe LaCascia, Vice Mayor Don Kimsey, Commissioner Mike Blethen, Commissioner Randy Carroll, Commissioner Wayne Harper, City Attorney Thomas Cloud and City Manager Patricia Jackson

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **Agenda Review - City Commission Meeting – January 22, 2019**

Mayor LaCascia stated the purpose of the Workshop is to discuss items being presented on the 7pm Regular Meeting Agenda and address any questions or concerns and ultimately be able to proceed in a more efficient manner at the Regular Meeting.

#### **Public Hearing - Ordinance 2018-11 – Second and Final Reading**

**PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE 2018-11** - an Ordinance of Polk City, Florida, amending the Polk City Comprehensive Plan, revising the Future Land Use Element to amend Policy 4.4.e. addressing the Residential Low-X Future Land Use Designation in the Polk City Special Protection Area of the Green Swamp Area of Critical State Concern to allow for four (4) dwelling units per acre; and amending Policy 9.8.2.d. to allow for four (4) dwelling units per acre in the Polk City Special Protection Area of the Green Swamp Area of Critical State Concern; and transmitting said amendment to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for finding of compliance; providing for an effective date, **second and final reading**

Mayor LaCascia provided a brief explanation of this Ordinance for the benefit of Commissioner Harper, as he was not on the City Commission for the First Reading. City Manager Jackson provided a thorough explanation of the Districting map included in the packet.

Vice Mayor Kimsey inquired about four (4) units.

Commissioner Harper inquired about what area does this amendment affect?

Jennifer Codo-Salisbury (CFRPC) stated this impacts very few areas in the City.

The State had no issue increasing the density by one unit per acre. Therefore, the proposed adopted amendment would allow four versus three units per acre. In discussion with developers, the market is leaning toward four (4) units per acre.

**Ordinance 2018-16 - First Reading**

An Ordinance of Polk City, Florida; amending the Code of Ordinances of Polk City, Florida; amending Section 6-61 of the Code of Ordinances of Polk City, Florida; providing for severability; providing for conflicts; providing an effective date, **first reading**

Mayor LaCascia stated Polk City received a letter from Dakshesh Patel, owner of Sunoco Gas Station (644 Commonwealth Avenue) requesting a change in Polk City's Sunday beer sale hours to match the Polk County Ordinance already adopted.

Commissioner Harper inquired about the distance from school and church.

Mayor LaCascia provided the explanation.

Vice Mayor Kimsey stated we have a responsibility to our merchants. He is in support of this Ordinance.

Commissioner Blethen inquired about beer and wine being sold with a license.

Mayor LaCascia stated we are not addressing anything about what can be sold; strictly addressing the timeframe on Sundays.

City Attorney Cloud responded with a thorough explanation regarding the Sunday sales.

Commissioner Carroll stated Polk City has not received a letter from any other businesses in Polk City regarding beer sales on Sundays. He disagrees with this Ordinance and does not want alcohol sold on Sunday period.

Lengthy discussion ensued.

**Ordinance 2019-01 - First Reading**

An Ordinance proposing amendments to the Polk City Charter; setting a charter amendment referendum; creating City Commission Districts, defining their boundaries; and providing for boundary change, repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; providing for an election in which qualified electors of the city may vote for or against these charter amendments; providing for a ballot question; providing for public notice; providing for severability; providing for conflicts; providing for an effective date, **first reading**

City Attorney Cloud discussed the historical Case Law on how the Districting boundary lines are determined.

Commissioner Harper is in favor of Districting.

Commissioner Blethen wants everyone well informed.

City Manager Jackson stated as in previous years, Beth Rawlins will be the person we use to be certain everyone is educated on Districting.

If the Ordinance is approved on First and Second Reading, it will be on the April 2019 Election ballot.

The Second Reading will be held on February 7, 2019, all information can go out after the Ordinance is approved.

Beth Rawlins can make a presentation to the Commission. This is about equal representation.

Commissioner Blethen is not in agreement with the map layout.

Mayor LaCascia commented again that no one area gets strength over another.

### **Resolution 2019-01**

A Resolution of Polk City, Florida, Approving the Polk City Wastewater Utility Asset Management and Fiscal Sustainability Plan ("AMFS Plan"); authorizing the City Manager to take all actions necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution; providing for an effective date.

Mayor LaCascia read this Resolution by title only and provided a thorough explanation of the AMFS Plan.

Commissioner Blethen asked if this automatically allow the City Manager to spend money.

Mayor LaCascia responded No.

### **Resolution 2019-02**

A Resolution of Polk City, Florida; Amending Rules and Policies Governing Public Comment; Amending said rules and policies in compliance with Section 286.0114, Florida Statutes; exempting workshop meetings from a requirement to permit public comment; providing findings; providing definitions; providing rules for the conduct of meetings; providing rules for public participation and conduct; requiring the observance of decorum; providing for waivers; providing for severability; providing for an effective date.

Mayor LaCascia read this Resolution by title only.

City Attorney Cloud clarified the reason for amending Resolution 2013-05.

Commissioner Blethen would like input from residents in Workshops.

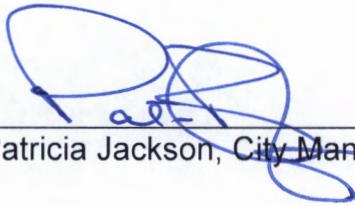
**CITY MANAGER ITEMS** - None

**CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS** - None

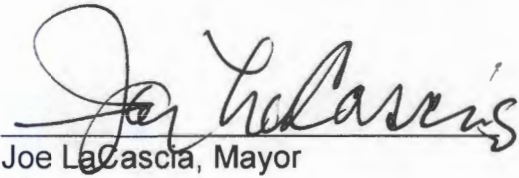
**COMMISSIONER ITEMS** - None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** - None

**ADJOURNMENT** – 7:00 pm



Patricia Jackson, City Manager



Joe LaCascia, Mayor